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TO TAX STREET RAILROADS.

N. L. FOLSOM'S UNIQUE PETITION
TO COURT OF COMMON COUNCIL.

Claims City Should Derive Revenue From
the Surface Lines Instead of the State—
Favors a Seven Mill Tax—Councilmen
Will Act on Petition.

At the meeting of the board of aldermen Monday evening a petition providing for the taxation of the various street car lines of the city was read and ordered tabled for printing. The petition is signed by N. L. Folsom and again have to be acted upon at the meeting of the board of councilmen next Monday night. The petition in full is as follows:

I petition the court of common council that you consider some plan for deriving revenue from the various car lines in the city. It has been stated that no revenue is received from these valuable charters except from the state.

It seems to me that these car lines tear up streets and block up streets which belong to the taxpayers. It seems, therefore, reasonable that all corporations pay city taxes as citizens do.

All persons engaged in serving the public as storekeeper, etc., pay ground rent, as well as taxes on personal property. I think that all institutions which are not free to the public should pay taxes, such as colleges, hospitals, etc.

A certain tax should be levied at from fifty cents to \$1 per square foot on all tracks laid by car lines in the city.

The gauge of these tracks is about 4 feet 7 inches and the width of two tracks nearly 10 feet.

A company having ten miles of tracks would have 3,280 feet per mile, 32,800 feet to pay for. Multiply the width 10 feet of two tracks by the length, 32,800 feet, and you have 328,000 feet, which, at fifty cents per square foot, would give \$164,000 per year.

As this may be too large, the tax could be laid the same as that for ordinary taxpayers, at so many mills on the dollar. This can be done by valuing the space occupied by the tracks as so much real estate.

Suppose we say that the ten miles of tracks are worth on an average \$40 per running foot (328,000 feet give us \$13,120,000). Now levy a tax of 7 mills (or whatever the regular city tax is on this amount, and you will find what the street railroads should pay as city taxes. At seven mills it would be on \$13,120,000 the sum of \$14,784.

It is evident that the city should receive this amount and not the state.

A PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Peter McKenna of Nash Street Killed by Being Thrown From His Wagon by Overhanging Telephone Wires—A Boy and Two Horses Injured.

A fatal accident happened in a most peculiar manner about 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Peter McKenna, aged fifty-five, was driving from the yard in front of 73 Nash street, when he was dragged from the wagon seat by hanging telephone wires. He was picked up unconscious and died in an hour and a half without having recovered consciousness. He was unmarried. John Franklin, the grocer, at 73 Nash street. He was a very accommodating and genial man and liked by all. He was expecting to make a trip to Ireland when spring came.

The pulling of the wires caused a telephone pole, which had rotted away at its foundation, to fall upon the head of one of D. M. Welch & Son's horses attached to a delivery team standing across the street, and the horse was badly injured. The animal was taken to No. 8's house.

Yesterday morning Mr. McKenna with Allen Renfrew, aged about fourteen, the boy employed by Mr. Franklin, started out with their load of groceries. They left by the driveway at the side of the building, and just as the horse reached the sidewalk he came in contact with the wires which were hanging across the way. This frightened the animal and it dashed out of the yard. The hanging wires caught Mr. McKenna and young Renfrew and they were jerked backward and thrown over the sidewalk. Mr. McKenna was picked up and carried into the house, and Drs. Luby and O'Connor were summoned to attend him. They came, but the man did not return to consciousness and died about 10 o'clock. Young Renfrew was run over and his leg was badly injured.

The frightened horse had dashed down to Lawrence street, where it was stopped by a boy. The horse of Welch & Son was attended by a veterinary surgeon and will probably recover.

Dr. White was called as soon as Mr. McKenna died and made an investigation, taking away with him a portion of the telephone pole which broke. The pole was one hundred and twenty feet down Nash street to the Marine Avenue company. The result of the accident will probably be a suit for damages against the telephone company.

Mr. McKenna was well known in the city. He had lived with his nephew for some years.

SOCIAL AND LITERARY.

A Pleasant Affair at Humphrey Street Church To-night.

A social and literary entertainment will be given at the Humphrey street Congregational church this (Wednesday) evening by the Ladies' Aid society. Admission ten cents, including cream. Following is the program:

Piano Duet—Miss Harriet Brown and Miss Caroline Bassett.
Recitation—Mrs. Goodrich.
Vocal Solo—Mr. O'Connell.
Zither Solo—Mr. William Strack.
Recitation—Miss Minnie Kay.
Whistling Solo—Miss Barnes.
Recitation—Mrs. Goodrich.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Edgar.
Violin and Piano Duet—Messrs. Fred and Charles Fowler.
Recitation—Miss Minnie Kay.

Mrs. Horace Johnson, wife of Weather Prophet Johnson of Maromara, died in New York last Friday. The interment was in Middle Haddam.

WAS A BRILLIANT LECTURE.

John L. Stoddard Speaks on "Paris" Before a Large Audience—Some Fine Views of the Great City.

John L. Stoddard, the lecturer, was, despite the inclement weather, greeted with a very large audience at the Hypocrite last evening in his lecture on "Paris." When he appeared before the audience he was welcomed with a big ovation of applause. He responded with a few appropriate remarks, saying that it was always a great pleasure to him to lecture before a New Haven audience and alluded to the fact that this is his fifteenth season, and that he had lectured 100 times in this city.

Enough can hardly be said of the pictures. They are simply superb. All the principal objects of striking interest in the great city were shown with such distinctness that one almost felt as though he had visited the city. The interest in the lecture seemed to me unbounded, notwithstanding the fact that it has been given here in this city before. The Church of the Madeleine, the garden of the Tuilleries, with several views of the ruined palace of the Bourbons were among the views. The gallery of Diana, the Louvre, the Venus de Milo, the Theater Francaise, the Vendome column, the Boulevards, the Place de l'Opera, the Champs Elysees, an unrivaled promenade, the Arc de Triumphe, Notre Dame cathedral, the Eiffel Tower were other pictures that were much enjoyed by the audience. The lecture closed with a series of pictures illustrating historic scenes of the French revolution. Among the scenes were Versailles, Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette at Trionon, the Advent of the Mob, the Conciergerie, going to Execution, the Reign of Terror and the guillotine, the Dome of the Invalides, the Burial Place of the First Napoleon. Mr. Stoddard seemed in his happiest vein, and time and again his remarks and humorous hits were warmly greeted with applause.

The next lecture will be delivered on Tuesday, January 15, "Switzerland" being the subject.

Was a Native of New Haven.

A New York dispatch yesterday says: George F. Stone, a native of New Haven, Conn., son of Captain Solomon Stone, died at his home in Morristown, N. J., yesterday of Bright's disease. He spent several months each year in New York city. He was well known in business and social circles in the metropolis. His father, Captain Stone, left a large fortune accumulated in steamship interests, as an associate of Commodore Vanderbilt.

Fine Weather For Ducks.

Conductor Sam Hitchcock of the Winchester avenue road and Frank Turner of West Haven Hoated five decoys just outside the breakfast yesterday morning and in four hours shooting bagged thirty-five broadbills and whistlers. They report the birds as very plentiful.

A VERY INTERESTING SERVICE.

At Epworth M. E. Church Last Night. A very delightful service was held in the lecture room of the Epworth M. E. church last evening. Rev. J. H. Morgan preached a powerful sermon on "Prayer," which fairly thrilled the good sized audience. Both before and after the sermon Mr. Godett, the organist of the Bethel A. M. E. church, rendered excellent music, and Rev. Mr. Morgan's singing was greatly enjoyed.

The pastor of Epworth church has secured Rev. Mr. Morgan and his organist for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. The public are cordially invited to attend the services, which will begin each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

WALLINGFORD.

The stockholders of the First National bank held their annual meeting yesterday and elected as directors W. J. Leavenworth, L. M. Hubbard, R. H. Cowles, Henry Hull, L. M. Monroe, F. A. Wallace, A. D. Judd, C. H. Tibbitts and W. H. Newton.

A reception will be given this evening by the ladies of St. Rose society to the T. A. B.'s in the latter's rooms.

The Imperial quartet of Boston will appear in the opera house Saturday evening, January 12. This popular attraction was here last season under the auspices of the Wheel club, and gave great satisfaction, being one of the finest collections of musical artists ever in the opera house.

T. E. Murphy had three stormy evenings. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Carver yesterday morning.

W. J. Barber and son Fred started yesterday morning for Philadelphia, where Mr. Barber and his brother, C. Hartwell Barber, will have charge of Simpson, Hall, Miller & Co.'s store.

The Ramblers' Cycle club will give a fancy dress ball Friday evening, February 1.

Judge of Probate John A. Martin will assume the duties of his office today.

Wallace Hose company will have a smoker this evening.

Heber Cogswell, clerk at the Wallingford hotel, has resigned his position and returned yesterday to his home in New Haven. John Bates of New Haven takes his place. John Hamilton, the colored utility man, has also resigned.

The Murphy meeting in the opera house last evening was largely attended, although the weather was not favorable for outdoor travel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel R. Hough are attending the annual session of the state grange in New Britain. Several of the local grange will be in attendance today.

There was a lively argument between two of the local temperance advocates in front of Simpson block yesterday.

The H. B. Ives Estate.

General Samuel E. Merwin, as administrator on the estate of the late H. B. Ives, transferred to Hannah H. Ives, one of the heirs, thirty-five mortgages as a portion of her estate. The papers were filed for record in the town clerk's office.

DEATH OF STEPHEN L. USHER.

He Did Much to Develop the West Shore—Came to This City From Providence. The death of Stephen L. Usher occurred at his home at Waverly Grove yesterday morning, aged fifty-eight years and nine months. He died after a two months' illness from Bright's disease. He leaves a widow, but no children. Two brothers, Reuben A. Usher of Providence and Daniel Usher, who lived with him, and two sisters, Mrs. F. A. DeVoll and Miss S. E. Usher of Providence, survive him. His birthplace was Providence and he came to this city from Providence about the year 1860, but a few years later removed to West Haven, where he bought about thirty acres of land, a good share of which was swampy land. This he began at once to redeem, and in a few years he had developed a fine property at Waverly Grove at a cost of many thousands of dollars. He had lived there ever since, and his home, "Inwood," is considered one of the finest along the shore.

In 1860, in company with his brother-in-law, F. A. DeVoll, of Providence, he bought the Clark farm at Merwin's Point, which at that time consisted of twenty-seven or twenty-eight acres, most of it lying between the highway and the shore. Mr. Usher thought that the location of that land was favorable for the growth of a summer settlement and he determined to develop that idea. One of his first thoughts was to have a place that should be distinctively a family resort, and he always had a clause in the deed of sale stipulating that there should be no liquor sold on the premises.

N. H. Hoyt, Jr., of Lee & Hoyt, this city, bought the first lot and built the first cottage at Woodmont. Bennett Merrill bought about the same time, but went west and never built a cottage on his lots. J. Gibb Smith of this city, the well-known manufacturer, was another early purchaser, his lot being on the hill. Four lots were sold at that point within a short time, and the settlement rapidly grew. Mr. Usher was careful to whom he sold lots, and was strenuous about having nothing spring up at the summer colony, and he bought no stock in the road, aided in securing a right of way. In fact, he and Mr. DeVoll, with whom he was associated, bought the Lincoln place just north of the Connecticut state building in order to give the road a right of way through the place. In all matters he was public spirited, but modestly kept in the background and never sought or held public office.

Mr. Usher had a decided taste for art, and was an artist of no mean capabilities, although he made no pretension in that direction. Last fall, in company with his nephew, a son of Mr. DeVoll, who is an artist, he drove up through the country in a team. The weather was too cold for such a trip and he never was quite well afterward.

Mr. Usher was a member of the West Haven lodge of Masons. The funeral will occur Thursday, at 12 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Squires of West Haven will officiate.

The Kleine Kinder Christmas Carnival. Miss Justine Ingersoll has fixed the prices for the presentation on Saturday, at the Hyperion, at both performances, at 25 cents, 45 cents, and a few reserved seats at 50 cents.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

A State Home for Afflicted Children to be Opened. Hartford, Jan. 8.—Dr. Francis Bacon of New Haven is authority for the information that a home for the incurable children of the state has been purchased and will soon be opened.

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But this is all changed now. All prominent physicians agree on one subject, anyway. It is this—build the patient up first, give him new blood and strength, add flesh to his bones. He's then ready to receive the benefit of proper medical treatment.

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